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Looking good!

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The Bald and the Beautiful

Cooling Off and Looking Sharp for Cancer

Kristopher Nielsen (2L)

Cuts for a Cure turned out to be a really awesome event for the University of Alberta. I am so thankful to be part of a law school that can come together so easily. It really goes to show just how many people's lives have been touched by cancer in one way or another. It is strange to think that something so personal could be experienced by so many people.

When I told Nitin that I would be shaving my head for cancer, he asked if there was anything he could do to help. I told him maybe, thinking that I may need help hanging posters. Without a hesitation he said, "Sure, I'll shave my head and I'll try and find some more people." I was completely taken aback. I had hoped for some help and would have never entertained the idea that he would shave his hair and that other people might be willing to as well. And this

was only the start. With each person, the inspiration to run an event like Cuts for a Cure grew. More and more people signed up to shave their heads and stepped up to help out. Even with all of this, I could never have comprehended what was to come.

My initial goal for the event was \$2500-3000, which was about \$5 a person at school. The more people I talked to, the excitement escalated and the event snowballed into what happened on November 9. That goal was achieved quite a few times over, as the event raised over \$13,000 from the law school alone and over \$22,000 from the event for the Cross Cancer Institute! The money will be used to purchase machines used for chemotherapy treatment.

Prof. Hopp was the first professor that I spoke to of the event and was on-board

immediately wanting to donate his hair. Prof. Anand decided to challenge his first year Criminal law class and would only shave his head if they raised an average of \$5 a student.

To see students, faculty and staff all come together as a community is truly a credit to the people at this school. That Wednesday moved me in a way that I didn't realize possible. To have so many people out turning such a negative thing like cancer into such a positive was something that I will never forget.

Thank-you to those that shaved their hair, helped in so many ways, donating their time and hard earned money and came out and cheered everyone on. The Faculty of Law really showed what it can do. For that, I thank-you all.

See pages 6-7 for more pictures!

From Your VP SOCIALS

Jennifer Young (3L) &
Laura Gill (2L)



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It is hard to believe, but only a few more weeks of the semester left! We have had quite a lot of successful events happen so far. Yet to come is the LSA Turkey Lunch and Kid's Christmas Party held in December. Keep an eye out next semester for LSA to bring you the Winter Carnival, the much anticipated Med/Law mixer, end of the year party and of course, our infamous Carbolec Smoke Ball.

Carbolec will be held on **February 16th** so look for tickets to go on sale early February. Other events to watch out for are a **Grad 2007 "Over the Humps" FABS**, the annual ski trip, and of course **Law Show**.

In an effort to help coordinate all of the different clubs currently in the Law Faculty, the LSA will be endeavouring to act as a focal point for all groups. Christine Murray (1L rep) will be heading up the **Law Clubs Council**, which will meet once a month to coordinate with all club

leaders such things as a master calendar of events (to help prevent too much overlap), and booking time to solicit events at "the couches". This is an important new forum that you can find out more about by contacting Christine at cpmurray@ualberta.ca.

Thank you to everyone who came out to all the events that were held this semester. **On behalf of the LSA I would like to say have a happy and safe holiday, and see you all in the New Year. Good luck on exams!**

UPCOMING LSA EVENTS

- DEC 1: LSA Turkey Lunch, Noon - 2pm in the Gavel. Only 100 tickets are available - Please sign up on the LSA Board.
- DEC 3: LSA Kids Christmas Party, Noon - 2pm in the Gavel. Kids of all ages and their parents are welcome. Please sign up on the LSA Board.

The LSA wishes everyone good luck on final exams and midterms and hopes that you all have a zero-stress, restful, and happy holiday. See you all in January!

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Ask the Stars: HOROSCOPE

Aries – November! It's when frost first really starts setting in, daylight savings time lets us sleep in that much more, and 3Ls everywhere finally crack open the casebooks they've been storing in the corner of their bedroom. They won't actually get read (or, more accurately, *vaguely skimmed*) until December, but hey: it's a start!

Taurus – The stars have been watching Law Show dance practice lately. They can only say that the directors might want to start dressing up some of the ladies as guys: we doubt three months will be *nearly* enough time for any of the boys to adequately learn the subtle interplay between moving your feet and remembering moves that is dance.

Gemini – When they say that the LSAT has no bearing on what you're learning at law school, they're pretty much dead wrong! The study of Civil Procedure, for example, has a lot of parallels: they both make you organise daunting amounts of information quickly, force you to see through misleading alternatives and encourage you to exercise your discretion using only a few key pieces of information. Also, they both suck.

Cancer – Attention: This is a Class Action Announcement in preparation for a civil litigation suit against the actual beer sold at Scholar's. If after consuming said product, you or anyone you know has experienced symptoms of dizziness, nausea or the compulsive need to talk about that day's constitutional law readings in anguished tones, please contact Lawyers 'R' Us as soon as possible.

Leo – You have to know when to hold 'em, know when to fold 'em, know when to walk away, and know when to run. It might also be worth knowing when not to get involved with cards in the first place: sometimes it just isn't a game you want to be playing.

Libra – You know, Libra, the stars haven't had a lot of nice things to say to you as of late. The stars apologise, and promise to start letting you know as soon as you have some positive prospects. In the meantime, though, you might want to get that thing on your foot looked at: it's not going to go away on its own.

Virgo – I know you didn't think that too much attention was a bad thing, but it was. Nurse that sore throat and cough and try not to infect those admirers.

Scorpio – Happy birthday Scorpio! Stop being such a goody-two-shoes and do some

socializing; you will be surprised how well it will pay off in the end.

Sagittarius – For goodness sakes *stop worrying*, what you want will happen soon enough. Romance is in the air for you Sagittarites so do yourselves a favour and get out of those pyjamas and have some fun!

Capricorn – You have your mind on work, but this coming week put some energy into your family affairs because they will need your attention the next little while.

Aquarius – You know, constantly procrastinating, while a source of problems now, will likely prove to be an invaluable skill once you're articling. Once *everything* is due the next day, it'll be like you've already gotten all the procrastinating out of the way, and can finally get to work! Every day! Every hour of every day. Constantly. Until you're too old to enjoy what's left of your wretched life. Well, good thing we don't have to get started on that right away...

Pisces – Ah, third year. You know, it won't be long now before you start reminiscing about all the good times over the past few years, and how much you're going to miss all this... Don't: you'd be wrong. Thinking back fondly on having to pay your own money for the illustrious opportunity to draft pleadings is stupid.

OCD:

Obsessive Clicking Disorder?



Vista Pourbahrami (2L)

I was sitting in class the other day and realizing that I have a problem. My problem is that I cannot sit and focus on one task without doing a million non-related tasks on the computer. When I attempt to write a paper, I check my e-mail 63 times in between one paragraph and the next. When I am taking notes in class, while the professor is taking a breath in between sentences I send that important e-mail, spell check the earlier part of my notes, *Google*

the word he/she mentioned that I didn't understand, then *Google* the professor's name out of curiosity, remember that I was supposed to send that picture to a friend and so sign on to MSN send the picture and get caught up in six conversations in the meantime.

I think I have a problem. I was analyzing my own OCD when I realized that I am by no means alone. Look around your class, is there ANYONE who sits there completely attentive and NEVER opens up their planner to jot something down, or seems to be "writing notes" when the professor is merely recounting a personal anecdote? Is it because our generation is so caught up in the million things that bounce around in our minds that we forget to focus on the present moment?

For my mediation class I watched an online lecture by Leonard Riskin on Mindfulness where he mentioned that the goal of that sort of an exercise is "to see what is actually there and pay attention to everything". He was referring to this special ability to pay attention in a certain way, an ability I think most of us have lost.

Everyone of us has a million ways to procrastinate: live-journal, MSN, e-mail (all the 16 accounts we each seem to have), online discussion forums, web boards, online magazines and the list goes on but do we really get anything out of all this obsessive clicking except the anxiety that we are not spending time on the things that "really matter"? Is it a symptom of our generation that we cannot focus and are these distractions inevitably necessary?

Would it actually be so horrible if I didn't check my e-mail every 13 seconds? I wouldn't know the answer to that question because I have a little icon on the bottom of my computer that tells me exactly when I have a new e-mail; thus, I immediately upon receiving that e-mail check its contents.

I didn't used to be this obsessive, and I wonder what changed. Is the increasing use of laptops in Law School a result of instructors speaking too quickly for us to take hand-written notes or merely a means for us to feed our Obsessive clicking habits? What is the cure for OCD?



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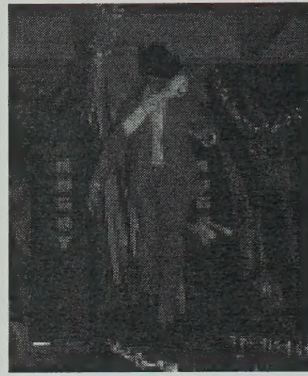


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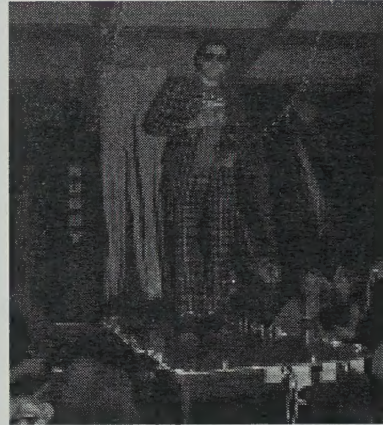


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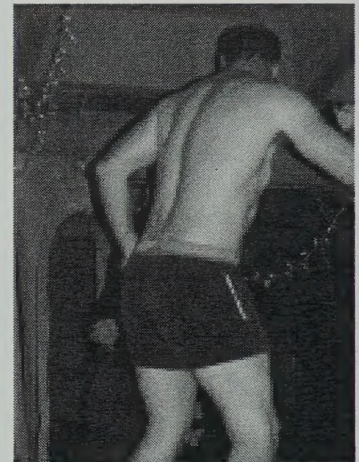
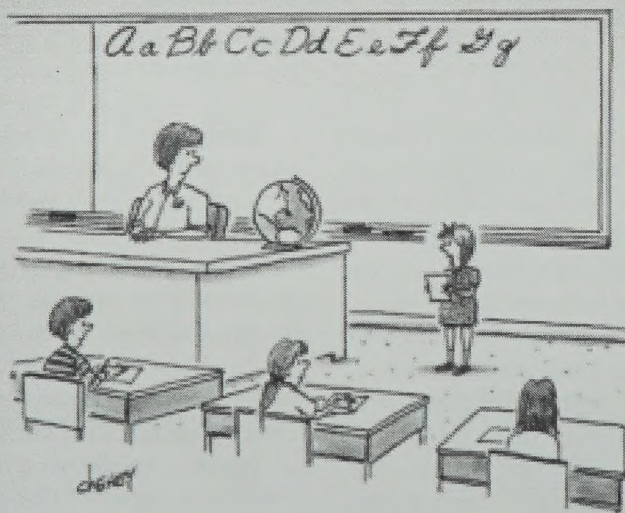


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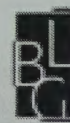


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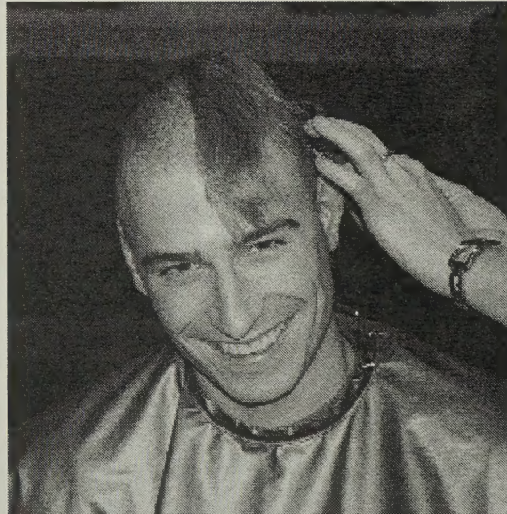
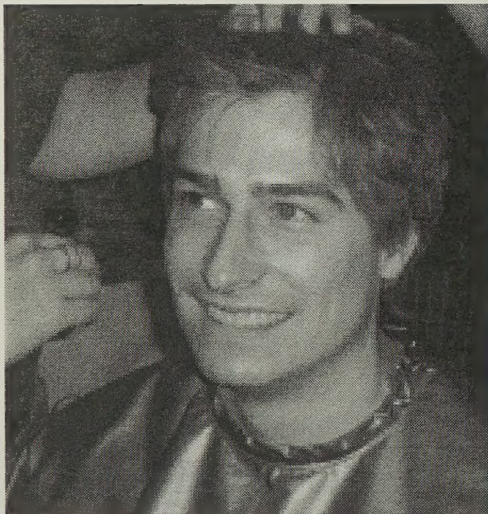


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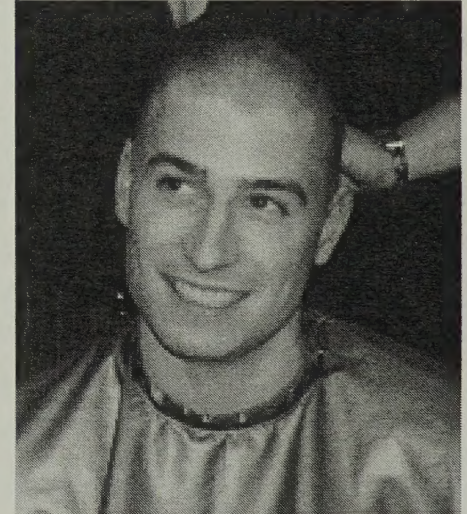
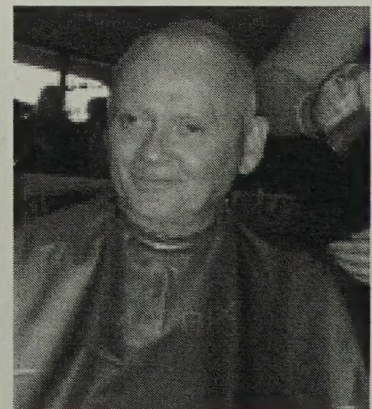
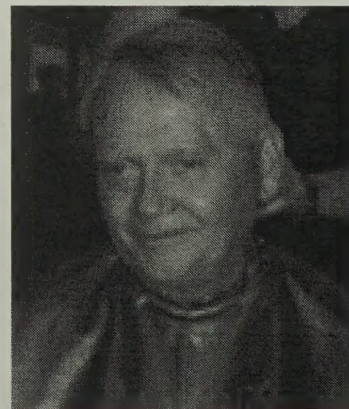
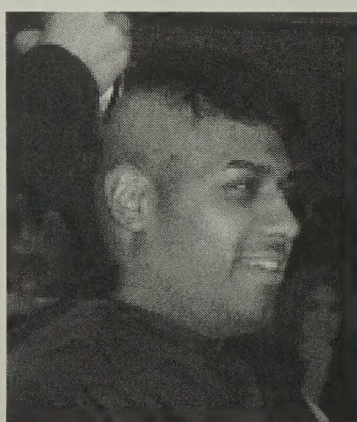
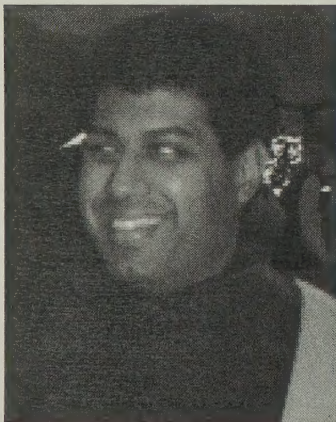
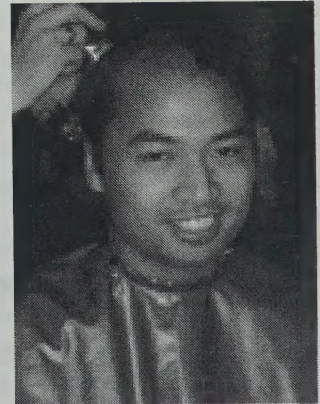
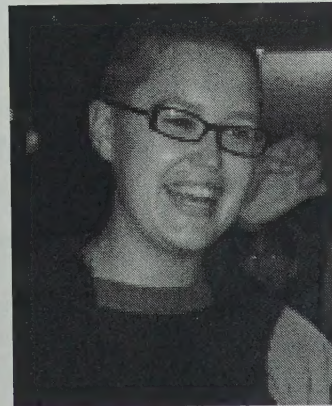
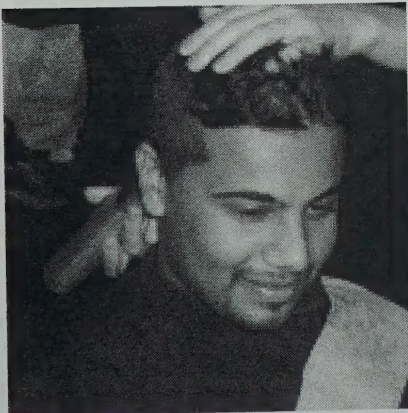
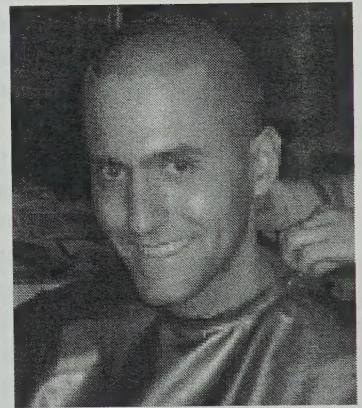
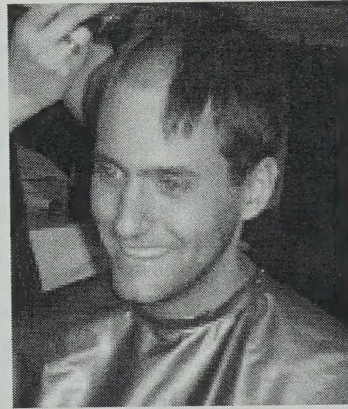
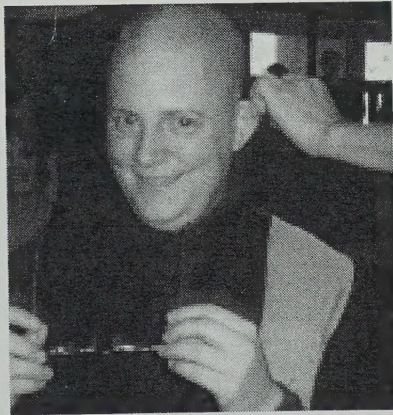
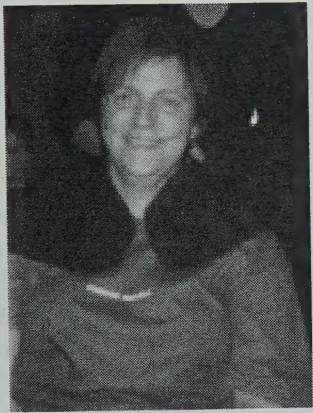
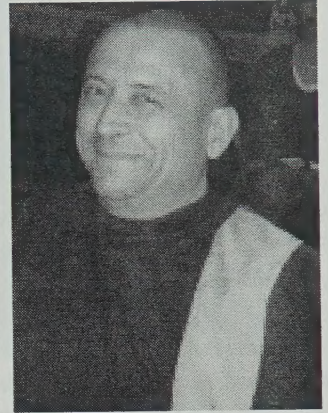
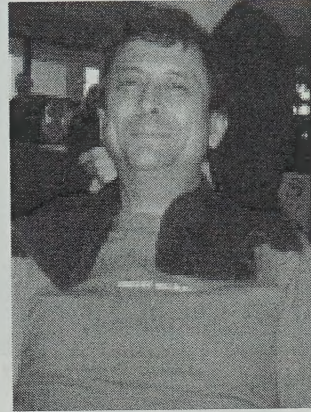
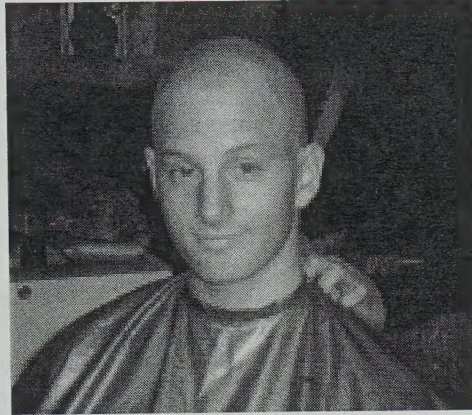
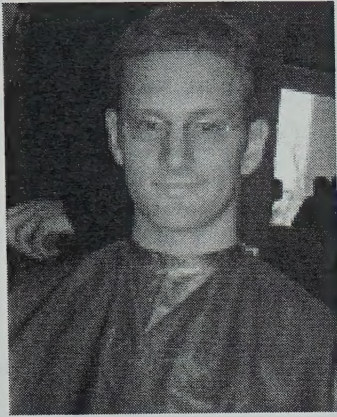
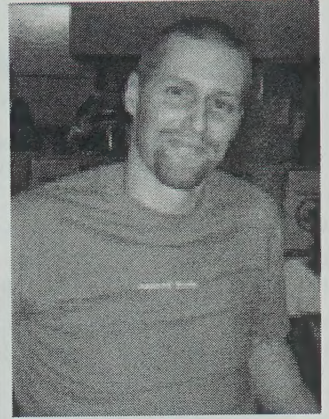
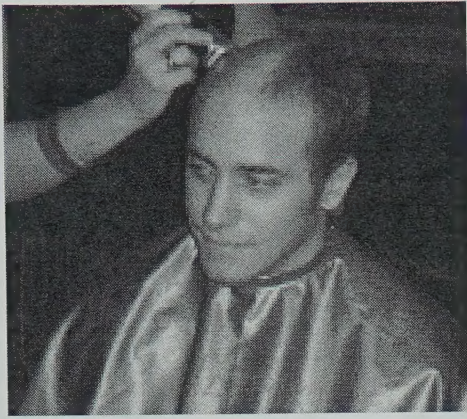
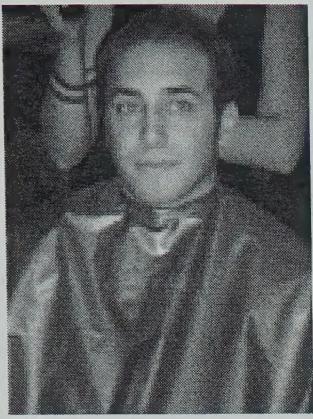


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Get to Know Your Professors:

PROFESSOR TAMARA BUCKWOLD

James Koizumi (1L)

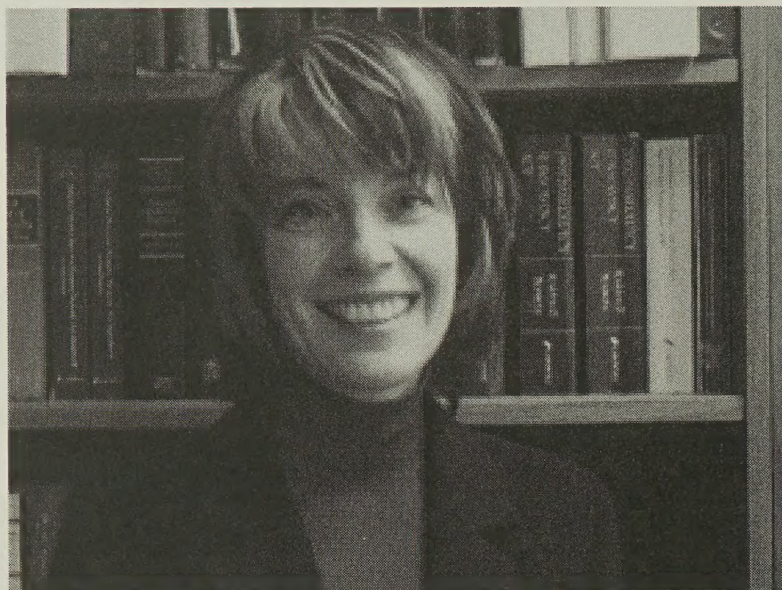


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In September I experienced dramatic change in my life: moving to a new city, calling an unfurnished residence “home” and meeting hundreds of new faces. Meanwhile the Faculty of Law welcomed one of its newest members, Professor Tamara Buckwold from the University of Saskatchewan.

Unlike my clumsy experience, Tamara navigated through the same chaotic transition with poise, wearing a sincere smile throughout. When asked how she knew the U of A would be the right career fit, she responded: “The key has been to look at the possibility that a position offers and decide if it is going to allow me to do the type of work that I really value, that I really enjoy, that makes me feel as though I am doing something worthwhile and gratifying.”

Reflecting upon her first day of law school, she admits that a career in legal academia was far from her thoughts. Circumstances quickly changed. With two sons arriving fifteen months apart and her husband’s career involving extensive travel, she decided to leave full-time practice. In her words, “I didn’t want to abandon my (legal) career entirely.”

Perhaps inspired by her favourite quotation that “life is 10 percent what happens to us and 90 percent how we respond to it” (Charles Swindoll) and a personal philosophy to “devote yourself with enthusiasm and commitment to the position that you are in today”, she found opportunity to pursue her dream despite a hectic schedule.

While raising two children, she initially accepted a half-time sessional lecturer position at the U of S, earning her LL.M and ultimately establishing her own unique half-time tenure track status with the respect and support of her colleagues. Surprisingly, some Canadian universities continue to reject such an arrangement as valid

within their institutions.

When prompted to reflect on her career, Professor Buckwold says “I think my experience demonstrates the importance of institutional adaptation to the practical reality faced by many women and increasingly men during their child rearing years – not only because it accommodates their needs but because it allows the institution to cultivate and retain people who can and will make a real contribution both during those years and afterwards.”

I asked her to draw upon the wisdom of these experiences to provide students with some guidance on the following three matters:

1. Identify a common mistake made by law students: “Students rely too much on their instructors and on what happens in class and don’t spend enough time arriving at their own understanding of the material we study.”

2. Describe your understanding of a work-life balance: “I think it would be more about looking at your life and deciding what things you are prepared to let go of... having said that, I think that it is very important to maintain some balance between your intellectual self and your physical self... I strongly recommend that people pay attention to the need for physical activity and exercise.”

3. Keys to building and maintaining successful business or family relationships:

(i) establish very clearly who you are; (ii) behave in a way that is consistent with who you are, so others know what they can expect from you; (iii) listen attentively to other people and (iv) put yourself in the other party’s position.

Nearly three months into Tamara’s tenure with the Faculty of Law, her contagious “enthusiasm for the law and life” has already spilled over into the classroom and is responsible for establishing a positive reputation between students and colleagues alike.

Following another popular feature in *Canons*, I decided to close with an abridged version “Law Prof” featuring Tamara Buckwold.

Hometown: Eston, Saskatchewan

Guilty pleasure: “Plain potato chips and dill pickle dip.”

Worst depiction of a lawyer on TV: “Ally McBeal because it portrayed a female lawyer as shallow, self-absorbed and brainless.”

Last fiction & non-fiction book: *Blind Assassin* by Margaret Atwood & *Blink* by Malcolm Gladwell.

About style and fashion: “Wear what you feel good in and the second rule is when you are wearing something you feel good in, remember that whether you like it or not, people will make instinctive assessments about you based on your appearance.”

One judgment I’d like to change: *Rodriguez v. B.C. (A.G.)*, [1993] 3 S.C.R. 519.

My colleagues should probably know that I: “Ride a Harley.”

Canons of Construction thank Professor Buckwold for her time to be interviewed and welcome her to the Faculty of Law.

Correction

Canons would like to apologize to **Associate Professor Joanna Harrington** for demoting her to “Assistant Professor” in the last issue of *Canons*. Joanna Harrington is an Associate Professor. We are sincerely sorry for the mistake.



Law Baby: Kinsey Rose Peters

I also get to see what my toys have been up to all night.

What is the one thing that you want Santa to bring you this year? I'd love to get my hands on the latest cloth-bound version of the 2005 Canada Tax Act. If that's not available, those new Peek-A-Blocks are pretty cool.

Will you leave a treat for Santa or do you think he needs to go on a diet? My dad says we gotta leave him a treat, that's just the way it is. I haven't had a lot of experience with cookies yet (Dad does the cookie eating in our home), but I know milk is awfully tasty.

If you could do one thing without your parents knowing, what would it be? Stay up all night and play with my toys. Why should I have to go to bed when Mom & Dad get to stay up and play? Sleep is overrated anyway.

What is your favourite cartoon show?

Mom says I'm not allowed to watch cartoons yet, but sometimes Dad and I sneak downstairs and watch his favorite cartoon, Scooby-Doo. I get to watch Dad eat his Fruit Loops which he says are colored Cheerios (so they're actually good for you).

What has been the scariest thing you have done so far in your life? You know, that whole coming down the birth canal thing is not a picnic. They don't warn you about these things. Someone should have told me to just back away from the light.

Which famous person would you want to play you in a movie about your life so far? It's impossible for anyone to *really* do a good rendition of me (I'm just too cute), but in a pinch Sleeping Beauty could do the job.

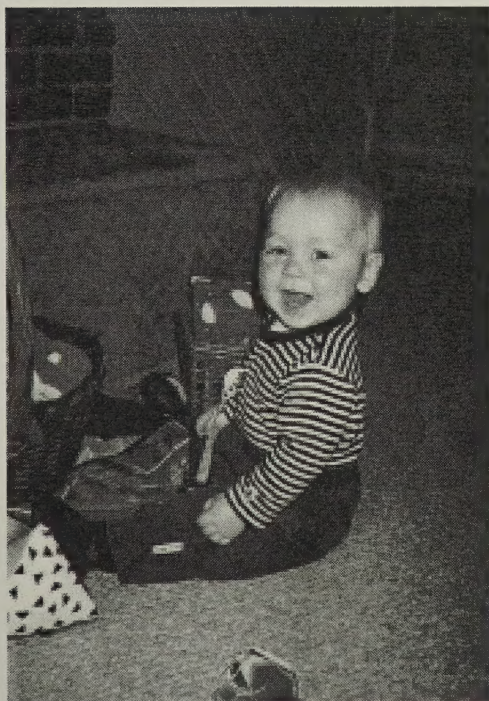
Name a baby fashion faux pas that drives you crazy. Knitted booties just don't go with pearls.

Parents: Phillip and Wendy Peters

Birthday: June 28, 2005

Huggies or Pampers? I'm pretty much a Huggies girl.

What is your favorite part of the day? I'm at my best in the morning after my beauty sleep.



Law Baby: Cameron Brown

Parents: Heidi and (Prof.) Russ Brown

Birthday: January 12, 2005

Huggies or Pampers? Pampers. But Huggies will suffice. All I require is a little dignity.

What is your favourite part of the day? I'm still fond of the 3am to 4am time slot. 60 minutes of sheer hedonistic pleasure. In the immortal words of Joey Ramone, 'I wanna be sedated'.

What is the one thing that you want Santa to bring you this year? World domination.

Will you leave a treat for Santa or do you think he needs to go on a diet? My father suggests that my brother and I should leave a glass of single malt out for Santa. So maybe more than a diet, he needs AA.

If you could do one thing without your parents knowing, what would it be? Change my middle name from "Dean" to "Love Doctor."

What is your favourite cartoon show? My big brother hogs the TV, so I've developed an appreciation for "Bob the Builder."

What has been the scariest thing you have done so far in your life? Playing "Stampede Wrasslin'" with the old man.

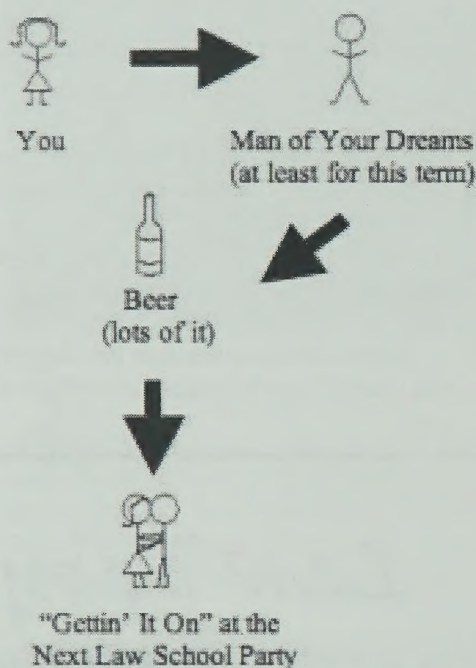
Which famous person would you want to play you in a movie about your life so far? Who plays that "Stewie" fellow? I rather like the cut of his jib.

Name a baby fashion faux pas that drives you crazy. Ill-fitting diapers. If we must soil ourselves, let's at least batten down the hatches!

Advice WHO ASKED YOU?!

Question: *I really, really like this guy, but he doesn't notice me. How do I get his attention?*

She Said: Ah, matters of the heart! They're about as confusing as a Professor Yahya diagram. That's why I'm going to answer your question in the form of a Professor Yahya-style diagram—although I think this one is pretty straight forward.



He Said: I'm going to assume that by "get his attention" you have something more in mind than a polite conversation about the *Charter*. With those parameters in mind, my first thought on the issue pretty much has to be,

"What?" Girls don't even *have* these sorts of problems, do they? Seriously, I've been a guy for pretty much as long as I can remember, and I can assure you that the answer to your "problem" is as simple as walking up to this guy and telling him that he's with *you* now. Unless some other girl beat you to it, it'll work. You're giving us far too much credit if you picture this whole endeavor as somehow battling a way into the complex arena of the guy's sophisticated thought patterns.

Question: *I noticed this hot girl looking at me—that means she's into me, right?*

She Said: Your question reminds me of a time I was having dinner at *Earls* on Robson. I noticed a guy across the room. He looked so horrible. He was wearing dirty, ratty, clothes with holes in them and looked like he hadn't bathed in days. He looked so bad he made Kevin Federline look hygienic. It was like a terrible car accident—I just couldn't stop staring. Well I guess he got the wrong idea because when I left he chased me half way down Robson Street in order to give me his phone number. The point I'm trying to make here is that just because a girl looks at you doesn't mean she likes you. But if there's no food between your teeth and your fly is done up and she's still staring, then go get 'em tiger! And no, I didn't take the phone number.

He Said: I'm going to have to agree: if the only requirements for someone being "into you" are her "being a hot girl" and "looking at you", I'd be knocking over a lot more of the display stands at *Earls*. Is she smiling at you as she looks at you? Is there no one vastly more

attractive just behind you? Is your fly open? With so many reasons to be looking at you, I think you'll need a touch more to go on.

Question: *Do you have any advice on how to get into the Christmas spirit?*

She Said: You're not in the Christmas spirit? The stores have been celebrating Christmas since mid-October—you should have been in and out of the Christmas spirit by now. Having said that I'll still give you my top five tips:

- 1) Add some eggnog to your rum.
- 2) Give a fruit cake to your "favourite" professor.
- 3) Decorate that hideous metal sculpture outside of the law school that's supposed to represent "art" with toilet paper, thus giving it the respect it deserves.
- 4) Write all of your exams in festive (and retina burning) red ink.
- 5) Hang mistletoe above the men's washroom door. Make it *really* hard to take down and watch panic ensue.

He Said: Despite what the retail industry would have us believe, the Christmas season doesn't start until December 21st at around five in the afternoon. So not feeling in the Christmas spirit at this stage in the game is entirely appropriate: you're not worrying about getting into the Fourth of July spirit either, are you? That isn't to say that having exams run until the 21st doesn't give you any seasonal options, it's just that they're sort of more about yelling '*humbbug!*' and kicking at residents of Whoville than about joy and good cheer.

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Edmonton Eskimos: GREY CUP

Kyle Kawanami (3L)

As you read this, the Grey Cup will have already taken place. However, deadlines and publishing schedules being what they are, I've nevertheless been asked to write an article pumping up the Grey Cup. This is made much easier by the fact that it's Edmonton and Montreal facing off, truly one of the great rivalries in CFL history. Many of the Edmonton-Montreal match-ups seem to have come in threes, with the teams locking horns 3 years in a row in the mid-50s and late 70s. While there was a one year gap since the last time these two teams faced off, this year's Grey Cup definitely had the feeling of a rubber match going in. In commemoration of what was hopefully a great game, I present a top 5 list of the most significant match-ups between these two franchises in the Grey Cup:

1. 1954, 26-25 Edmonton. Jackie Parker recovers a Chuck Hunsinger fumble and runs it back 84 yards for the game-winning touchdown. The first of three straight Grey Cup victories for

the Eskimos (all over the Alouettes). This win marks the beginning of the first Eskimo dynasty.

2. 1977, 41-6 Montreal. The Staples Game. To combat the icy surface on the Olympic Stadium field, Montreal players fire staples into the soles of their shoes (yes, that was against the rules, but nobody apparently noticed). Playing before a record crowd of 68,318, Don Sweet kicked 6 field goals and scored a record 23 points in the win. The Eskimos would later use the embarrassment from this game to fuel their record run of 5 straight Grey Cups.

3. 1978, 20-13 Edmonton. Edmonton gets revenge for the Staples Game, in the first of 5 straight Grey Cup victories. This game saw the first appearance by Warren Moon in a Grey Cup, mopping up for Offensive MVP Tom Wilkinson.

4. 1975, 9-8 Edmonton. The first Grey

Cup played on the prairies, it featured the appearance of a female stalker during the national anthem. Don Sweet misses a last second field goal, as the Eskimos win their first Grey Cup since 1956 in a defensive struggle played in -30 C conditions.

5. 2002, 25-16 Montreal. The first Edmonton-Montreal match-up since the Als' resurrection in 1996. The game featured the added drama of the Alouettes being coached by Don Matthews, who was fired the previous training camp by the Eskimos. Pat Woodcock caught a 99 yard touchdown pass as the Als ruined the Eskimos home Grey Cup. The Eks would avenge this loss a year later in Regina, setting up 2005 as the tie-breaker in the latest chapter of this storied rivalry.

B.C. LIONS?...NOT!!!



The sad end to what was supposed to be a fantastic BC Lions year. Amidst laughter, snickers and teasing, Professor Brown still smiled. Unfortunately, a bet is a bet and Professor Brown is true to his word; has anyone ever seen Kyle so happy?

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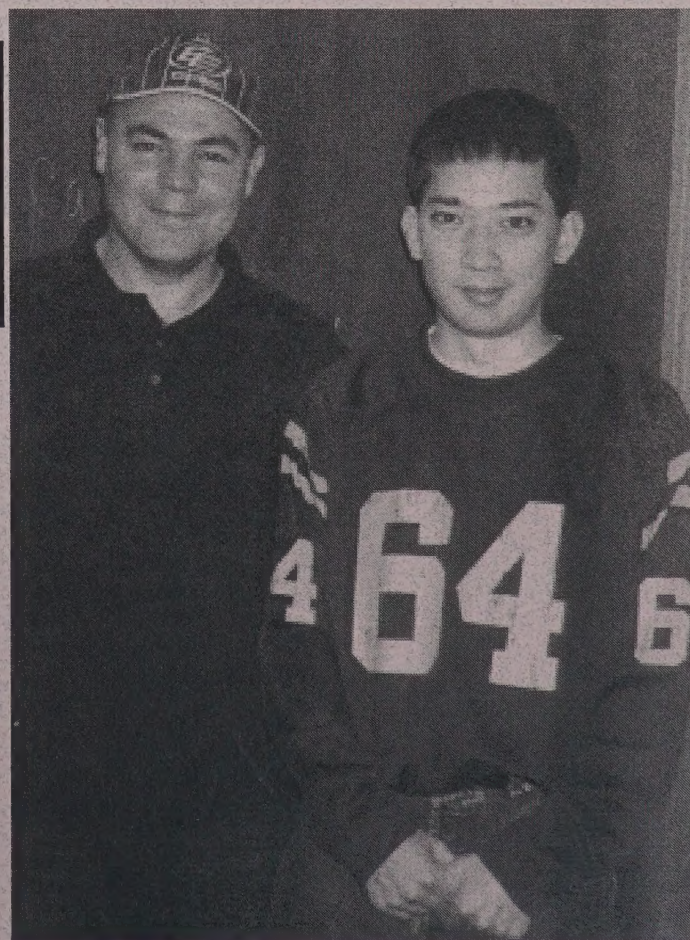


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The Wong Way

Steph Wong (3L)

Well, I decided to write my own column about the NHL this issue because I've heard Cam (and Kyle) spout off about hockey for years. Now, they've moved their opinions to the Sports Section because guys think they know everything. Well, let me tell you, they're just a bunch of hacks. I totally know better. What are my credentials, you ask? I've been a diehard Flames fan since I was 8 and I'm often in Scholar's watching the games yelling at the screen and getting into heated debates about how much the Oilers suck. Cam has never and will never beat me at any sports bet. He's 0/5. More proof? Check out the Hockey Pool Standings:

Steph Wong 51st

Cam Bowman 71st

Kyle's a little above me, but I'm hoping that will change since Zhamnov came back from the dead and decided to start playing for me. Anyway, time to start on the topics have been the most on my mind.

New NHL Rules:

I do like the rules that have sped up the game, the legalization of the 2 line pass and

adding the tag-up offside. However, I am strongly against the addition of the Goalie Trap zone. I just don't see why the NHL thought goalies playing the puck was such a detriment to the game. Most goalies never bothered to do it anyway. Instead, I think of it as a chance for a player to contribute the most to his team and raise his value. Banning it is like telling defensemen not to shoot anymore because it's not their job. Goalies like Brodeur lose a skill that they have spent years developing to make themselves a cut above the others.

Rookie of the Month:

Right before the announcement that Sidney Crosby had won the October honours over Alexander Ovechkin, there was quite the heated debate about who should win it. Ovechkin had 4 times the amount of goals Crosby did, but Crosby had 14 points over the former's 13 points. I agree that the young Canadian should have won it. To a team, assists can be just as rewarding as goals because you need people who can make things happen. Who cares who scored the goal as long as there was a goal. Crosby has been essential to the Penguins with his all-

rounded play. He can skate, he has great stick handling, amazing passing and will get physical. And Ovechkin... well I just can't cheer for someone who cried when he lost the World Juniors in 2004 to Canada. There's no crying in Hockey.

Most Outstanding Player:

Anybody who talks hockey with me lately knows about my new love for Chuck Kobasew who's a RW for the Flames. Watching the Flames during the 8 game streak... The Sew has been giving it all he's got and it shows. In November he scored 5 goals and 2 assists bringing his totals to 9G 3A for the season. He has been driving the net and creating opportunities for himself by making sure he's in front for his own rebounds. His energy has been essential for the Flames' red-hot output. I'm so confident in him, that a month ago, I made a bet with Cam that he'll outscore Iggy this season (heh).

Well that is all I've got to say, I just wanted to throw my hat into the hockey ring. I'll be ready to duke it out with all you Oilers and Canucks fans (if I am not already doing so!). See you at Scholar's.

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